
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Adds [312 IAC 9-1-5.3](#) to define "crossbow". Adds [312 IAC 9-1-7.8](#) to define "ground blind". Amends [312 IAC 9-3-2](#) to include the new nonresident youth deer licenses, to add license requirements for the new special antlerless season, to modify requirements for wearing hunter orange, and to establish requirements for ground blinds. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-3](#) to allow any individual to hunt deer with a crossbow during firearms season and the special antlerless season, to allow any individual over 64 years of age to hunt with a crossbow during archery season, to make other clarifications regarding the use of crossbows to hunt deer, and to change the maximum case length for cartridges fired from rifles. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) to amend the number of antlerless deer that a youth hunter can take during the special youth deer season, to amend the urban deer zones in Lake and Porter counties, to require an individual during the urban deer season to take an antlerless deer before that individual may take an antlered deer, to modify the dates for the urban deer season, firearms season, and muzzleloader season, and to add a special antlerless deer season. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-8](#) to allow hunting on military reserves and national wildlife refuges under the nonresident youth deer licenses and resident youth consolidated hunting license and to allow hunting with firearms to begin on October 1. Makes other technical changes governing deer hunting. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2200, at nrcrules@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent through <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Ombudsman designated by [IC 5-28-17-5](#) is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 5-28-17-5](#), specifically [IC 5-28-17-5\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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